



City of Palm Springs

Discussion on Homelessness
Mizell Senior Center
May 4, 2015

Agenda

- Who are we talking about?
- Who are we talking to?
- Several activities in progress
- Cleanup activities in progress
- Public comments

"Homeless" Populations

How many homeless in Palm Springs are we talking about?

- 2013 "Point in Time" count interviewed **60**
- 2013 "Point in Time" sheltered homeless **72**

- 2015 "Point in Time" count interviewed **66**
- 2015 "Observed" but not interviewed homeless **52** } New

- 2015 "Sheltered" Homeless (still being calculated by Riverside County)

“Homeless” Populations

- **Not-Homeless.** Some people that use services like the hot meal programs or food distribution programs, but are merely poor.
- **Situational Homeless.** People that are not chronically homeless but find themselves without housing through adverse circumstances.
- **Invisible Homeless.** Often situational homeless, people temporarily sharing housing, or moved in with friends or relatives, or otherwise “housed” but not in a home they control or with a long-term potential.
- **Homeless families.** Some are intact, two-parent families, but statistically they are one-parent households.

“Homeless” Populations

- **Employed homeless.**
- **Mentally ill and/or substance abusing homeless.**
- **Habitually homeless.** Both men and women, this population sometimes resists the label of homeless and many reject the idea that they need assistance into housing and/or other services.

“Homeless” Populations

- **“Roy’s-eligible” men and women** (ratio is 70 men-30 women). These include homeless who are not active drug or alcohol users and who do not have a record of violent felonies, and who do not have pets, and can make it to the Roy’s bus pick up sites.
- **“Roy’s-ineligible” men and women.** These include homeless who may be active drug or alcohol users or may have a record of serious or violent felonies.

Homeless Resources

- Riverside County Department of Social Services
- Riverside County Department of Mental Health
- Jewish Family Services of San Diego (Roy's Desert Resource Center and Desert Vista SOS)
- Riverside County Housing Authority
- Coachella Valley Rescue Mission
- Martha's Village and Kitchen
- Well in the Desert
- Shelter from the Storm
- Other Service Providers....

Activities in Progress



- Increasing funding for Roy's to expand services at their site
- Partnering on additional outreach: Mental Health, Social Services, JFS, CVRM, Well in the Desert

Activities in Progress

- Partnering with the County on Mental Health services at The PATH, the mental health facility located next to Roy's.
- Possible substance abuse services



Activities in Progress

- Developing additional transitional housing and permanent supportive housing for homeless/formerly homeless
- Implementing the Community/Homeless Court Program
- Improving Transportation to Roy's, Coachella Valley Rescue Mission, other resources and appointments

Cleanup Activities in Progress

- Adding additional cleanup capacity for Police Department and Public Works to ensure the safety, cleanliness and quality of public and private spaces



Cleanup Activities in Progress



- Enhancing other policies on vacant lot cleanups, including partnering with the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians and the Bureau of Indian Affairs on Indian land cleanups

Cleanup Activities in Progress



- Hiring 2 additional Community Service Officers and a Lieutenant to assist with outreach and monitoring/patrol activity
- Expanding shopping cart ordinance
- Expanding liquor law enforcement

Public Comments

- Please limit comments to the topic of discussion tonight
- 3 minute time limit
- Please be respectful of different points of view